



## Gloria M. Langdon

May 26, 1922 - May 25, 2020

My mom used to read the obituaries in the paper every day. She absolutely hated the long, flowery ones that told every detail of the person's life and went on and on about how wonderful they were. She'd say "isn't it funny how everyone becomes The Most Amazing Person after they're gone?"

She told me that when her time came, I was to "just put down the facts".

So, she was born in Erie, Pa on May 26th, 1922 and she died in Columbus, Ohio, with my dad holding her hand, on May 25th, 2020. The day before her 98th birthday.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Bill, her son, Billy, daughter-in-law, Diane, daughter Jeanne and grandchildren Trey, Mackenzie, Alex, Aaron, Anabel and great granddaughter, Journey. Many nieces and nephews and her beloved brother, Dr. Michael Santomenna.

But... there is so much more and I'm sorry to disobey you Mom, but you truly were amazing and I have to make sure everyone knows.

My mom was extraordinary. She really was. She followed her dreams in an era when those dreams were so different than what most other women did.

At a time when the women of that generation tended to get married right after high school, my mom went to college. Not only that, but she went to college when she was only 16 years old! After getting her Bachelors, she went on to get her Master's degree, then after she graduated, she joined the Navy.

When she was finally ready to settle down, she met my dad. He was 8 years younger than her, he proposed at a bar called "The Cow Shed" at Conneaut Lake and they were married for 61 years.

They adopted Billy when she was 38 and me when she was 40, a solid 15 years older than the average age to have kids at that time. Her and my dad were at every school play and band concert and softball game and dance recital and Scout meeting and our family had dinner together every single night.

My mom loved her grandchildren and she loved her friends and she loved watching the Buckeyes. She was a founding member of St. Timothy church and attended Mass there for over 50 years. She was a member of Tri Village La Sertoma and the ACLD and she played in two different Bridge clubs. She retired from OSU Hospital where she was a social worker for many years.

I was talking with her priest today about what we do with "the dash"...the time in between a person's date of birth and the date of their death. My mom lived a huge life, full of love and friendship and laughter and compassion. And yeah, she really, truly was the most amazing person.

Due to Covid restrictions, we are hosting a "Drive By" at the Rutherford Funeral Home, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio 43065 from 10:00am to 11:00am on Saturday, May 30th.

Our family will be outside the funeral home and we'd love it if you'd come by and see us. If you're comfortable getting out, please do and if not, you can pull

up and talk with us a little from your car (6 feet away). My mom will be will be inside and if you'd like to, a couple people at a time can go in and say goodbye to her.

We know this is a strange way to have a viewing, but these are very strange times that require out-of-the-box thinking. We'd love to see you on Saturday.

# Cemetery Details

## **Resurrection Cemetery**

9571 North High Street  
Lewis Center, OH 43035

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria M. Langdon*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Billy, Jeanne, and family, Your parents always invited my husband to their home for dinner when he came to Columbus on business trips, He was so glad of an evening away from the motel, especially with people he so enjoyed. When we began our family, Ray would take me with him when he could. On my first time to Columbus, your mother called and offered to pick me up at the motel and allow me to spend the day with her. As I prepared the baby and myself, anxiety struck. But when she arrived, your mother made me feel like we were life-long friends within a few moments of meeting.*

*We had many wonderful visits with your Mom and Dad in OH over the years and were thrilled when in retirement, they could visit PA. After Ray passed, losing contact was a regret. Then today, the kindly Langdons came to mind and I found this online and realized almost 18 more years of contact would have been possible. With deep appreciation to your parents and sympathy to you. Love, Ruth Cooke*

Ruth H Cooke - February 23, 2021 at 01:01 PM

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“ So many wonderful memories of my childhood at the Langdon house!! The Charles Chips, endless boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese, ice cream, plastic seat cover in Glo’s car, the big ass Christmas tree every year, Pepper, Ducky, the piano!! Camping out in the backyard. Gosh!! What a great life they shared with us all!! Every Sunday in church Glo would tap her fingernails on the top of the pugh in front of her. Probably to keep her hands busy so as not to smack me and Jeanne for playing rock, paper, scissors all through mass!!!! Thanks for sharing your life with me, Glo!! Say hi to Sis💜for me!

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**cathleen kerns** - May 28, 2020 at 11:55 PM

MG

“ Billy, Jeanne and family--Gloria was a true delight! I ran into her in the gift shop at OSU Hospital in 1979 when I started work there. She recognized me, and from that day on, every time I saw her, she had a smile, a hug and usually we exchanged a little social work/nurse giggle about something she or I had experienced at work! She always brightened my day. Love to you all! Only happy memories for your lovely mother! Mary Lou Graham

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**Mary Lou Graham** - May 28, 2020 at 09:33 PM

JH

“ What we remember about Gloria was her love for her family. She was a devoted wife and mother and God was the center of her life. She was an inspiration to all who knew her Jack and Nancy Henne

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**Jack and Nancy Hennr** - May 28, 2020 at 07:23 PM

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“ We lived next door to the Langdons and always felt they were our second family. Mom and Dad (Martha and Tony Caserta) thought the world of them. My sister Cheryl and I used to babysit and spent many an evening with Jeanne and Billy. Gloria and Bill always made us feel like part of their family. I’m sure Mom and Dad welcomed Gloria with open arms!

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**Charlene (Caserta) and Jerry Mooney** - May 28, 2020 at 06:38 PM

DS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to this entire family as you celebrate this amazing woman . Glorias legacy will live on in her children but even more so in her grandchildren. Gloria loved them more than anything and she always loved when I would get those kiddos in the church programs and she loved watching them live life and succeed. Gloria graduated from Mercyhurst University in Erie PA. which was my alma-mater also so we were definitely Sisters of spirit and I know she is with our Lord and Savior and is watching over all of us left here on earth. God bless you all and Bill, hugs until you meet her again.

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**Debbie Steiner** - May 28, 2020 at 01:33 PM